

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

11 MICHAEL GARCIA on behalf of
12 himself and others similarly situated,

13 Plaintiff,

14 vs.

15 LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S
16 DEPARTMENT, a public entity, et al.,

17 Defendants.

18 Case No. : CV 09-8943-DMG (SHx)

19 **ORDER GRANTING
PLAINTIFF MICHAEL GARCIA'S
MOTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL
OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT
AGREEMENT WITH LOS
ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL
DISTRICT AND MOTION FOR
AWARD OF ATTORNEY'S FEES
AND EXPENSES RELATED TO
CLASS SETTLEMENT WITH LOS
ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL
DISTRICT [402, 403]**

1 Having considered Plaintiff's moving papers, the arguments of counsel, and
2 the proceedings in this action to date, the Court hereby finds and concludes that:

3 1. The Class Notice distributed to Class Members, pursuant to this
4 Court's prior order, was accomplished in all material respects and fully met the
5 requirements of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23, due process, and any other
6 applicable laws.

7 2. The Class Settlement Agreement with Los Angeles Unified School
8 District is fair, reasonable, and adequate in all respects. The Class Settlement
9 Agreement provides meaningful relief and is reasonably related to the strength of
10 Plaintiffs' and Class Members claims given the risk, expense, complexity, and
11 direction of further litigation. The Class Settlement is the result of arms'-length
12 negotiations between experienced counsel representing the interests of the Plaintiff
13 Class and Defendant, after thorough factual and legal investigation.

14 3. For the reasons stated in Plaintiff Michael Garcia's Motion for Award
15 of Attorney's Fees And Costs Related to Proposed Class Settlement with Los
16 Angeles Unified School District, an award of fees and expenses of \$184,000.00 to
17 Class Counsel as compensation for their work on this lawsuit and as provided for in
18 the Settlement Agreement with the Los Angeles Unified School District is
19 warranted. The Court therefore awards fees and expenses to Plaintiffs' counsel in
20 the amount of \$184,000.

21 4. The Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this litigation and
22 all matters relating thereto, and over Plaintiffs and Defendants. Venue is proper in
23 the Central District.

24 5. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(e), this Court grants
25 final approval to the Class Settlement Agreement, incorporates the terms of the
26 Class Settlement Agreement into this order as though fully set forth, and orders all
27 parties to perform all of their obligations thereunder;

28 6. This order and the Class Settlement are binding against the parties,

1 their successors in office, and their respective officers, agents, and employees, and
2 all others acting in concert with them.

3 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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5 DATED: May 20, 2016
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8 DOLLY M. GEE
9 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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